

Bihar. Some of them are located near known metalliferous deposits and may ultimately turn out to be ore deposits. However, until detailed ground follow-up work (which is being taken up soon) is carried out, the nature and cause of the anomalies cannot be established. At this stage it cannot be said that large deposits of lead, zinc and copper have been "discovered" and, therefore, yield or reserves cannot be estimated.

(c) Does not arise at present.

Stocks of Coal

492. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal worth Rs. 3 crores has accumulated at Kothagudem in Andhra State;

(b) if so, the reasons for the accumulation of such huge stocks; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to dispose of these huge stocks of coal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI RAM SEWAK):
(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The main reasons for the accumulation of such huge stocks are as under:

- (i) Inadequate and irregular supply of wagons over a number of years until recently.
- (ii) Delays in the setting-up or expansion of thermal power stations in the South under the Third Plan.
- (iii) Increased availability of hydel power which affected the demand for thermal power in the same region.
- (iv) Switch-over to oil by a number of cement factories.
- (v) As a buyers' market has emerged, consumers have been

preferring selected grades of coal not produced by the Company.

(c) Yes Sir; the Company is considering diversification of its activities based on new uses of coal. Efforts are also being made to obtain full requirements of wagons from Railways, thereby reducing dumping of coal and the resulting additional costs due to non-supply of wagons.

Certain number of Diesel Oil consumed by Diesel Locomotives

493. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Cetane Number of the diesel oil that is consumed by Railway Diesel Locomotives; and

(b) what is the Cetane Number of the diesel oil that is supplied by Barauni Refinery for North India and also the Centane Number of the oil supplied by Burmah Shell etc. in South India?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) The Cetane Number of Diesel oil Consumed by the diesel locomotives of the Railways is 45 as stipulated in the Indian Standard Specification IS. 1460—1959 for special grade (Amendment No. 2 of 1966).

(b) The diesel oil supplied by the Barauni Refinery has a minimum Cetane Number of 45. The High Speed Diesel oil sold in South India is produced mostly at the public sector Cochin Refinery and also at the Bombay and Vizag Refineries. All of it has minimum Cetane Number of 45.

Exports to South Vietnam

494. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total value in rupees of goods exported to and imported from South Vietnam annually during the years 1965-66 to 1967-68;